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WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

" IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD, WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS"

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HAND HER THE CLUB.

(Sacramento Bee.)

The Last Word.

(S. M. Severance.)

In a few days, comes amendment election, and let us so work that if we win, we can honestly rejoice, and not be ashamed because some one else has done the hard work, and we reap what others have sowed. It is mean to let others fight our battles without our help.

Let us so work that if we fail, we can in self-respect, accept results, knowing that we did what we could, and so be ready to keep on with our flag and our claim.

But we need not fail; we can open the gate of opportunity. Four parties are for us, seem honest in their endorsements. In the other party we have excellent friends. From all parties are renegades, the monopolies, the vices, the venal, but let us trust the best element and prove that women are worth the confidence of the best men.

Now remember.

(1) The suffrage amendment goes on the ballot as No. 4, not No. 8. Read the amendment book sent to each voter, and be well informed so as to keep ignorance and carelessness in line.

(2) Go to the polls and quietly ask voters to vote for amendment No. 4. Watch the count. It is said by well informed men that in 1896, we were counted out; we were counted within 13,000 of winning, and remember, that every vote for it in your precinct offsets one in San Francisco which there is no hope of carrying. Much hinges on what we do on election day. You will be well treated, woman's danger comes only from individual man, never from the mass. A scoundrel knows better than to insult you in the presence of many men; they would make a sorry time for him.

The woman who watched alone in 1896 the count in Tar Flat, San Francisco's Barbary Coast, was treated beautifully. The toughs threw down their pipes, doffed their hats, and beamed in delight over the two "votes for the lady" given by that worst precinct in San Francisco, "never better treated in her life."

And now, let us prayerfully, with reverent hearts, realizing our great responsibility, do our all; if we do less, shall we not be responsible for our sins of omission; for what we might with the ballot prevent? With that authoritative choice, we can protect our boys, our girls, ourselves. We can compel men to think and easily make the outside of the home whence comes our perils, as decent as is the average inside. We are on trial. This is our great opportunity.

About two thirds of the small towns in Utah voted dry at the June elections. Women vote in Utah.

Convention Call.

To the officers and organizations auxiliary to the state union,—greeting. The thirty-second annual convention of the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Stockton, October 12th to 17th, 1911.

The membership of the annual meeting as provided for in section 1, article 5, of the state constitution.

The officers of the state union, the state superintendents of departments, county secretaries of L. T. L. Branch, county secretaries of Y. Branch, two delegates from each auxiliary union and one delegate to every fifty L. T. L. members paying 10 cents dues, said delegate to be either an L. T. L. worker or senior legioner, who has paid regular W. C. T. U. membership dues, shall constitute the annual meeting. Each local union shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every fifty paying members thereof, or fraction over seventy-five members.

Special attention is called to the fact that our fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, closes September 30th.

Inasmuch as we are organized on a paying basis no local W. C. T. U., Y. W. C. T. U.; or L. T. L. can be represented in the state convention whose dues have not been received by the state treasurer before the books close.

Each county president will be responsible for the credentials of the delegates from her county, and is requested to hand them to the chairman of the credential committee on the first day of the convention.

Executive committee will meet at 2:30 P. M. October 12th in the convention church.

We expect to receive the usual railroad courtesies of one and one third rates.

The Stockton W. C. T. U. will furnish lodging and breakfast for the delegates and members of the convention.

God has blessed us during the year and we desire to give Him thanks and to implore His constant presence and power.

By request of the state superintendent of the Evangelistic department and vote of the executive board the 28th of September has been set apart for a day of prayer in behalf of our state and national W. C. T. U. conventions, for the work in general and especially for the passage of the suffrage amendment on October 10th.

SARA J. DORR, president,
ANNA E. CHASE cor. sec'y.

It is as important that the home and its most vital interests shall be represented at the ballot box, as that the business world shall be so represented. Not until woman votes will the home be fairly represented.—Los Angeles Times.

A Convention Word.

Dear Local Unions:

To stir up your minds by way of remembrance please note carefully. Send the names of your delegates to state convention at once to Mrs. A. L. Branch, 633 E Lindsay street, Stockton. Mrs. Branch is chairman of the assignment committee and you can aid her by being prompt. Mrs. Branch, with assistants, will meet all delegates in the Central M. E. church, corner of San Joaquin street and Miner avenue on their arrival and assign them to their place of entertainment. Please aid this committee further, by accepting your appointed place and not asking for a change, as their plans will have been completed and to disarrange them would mean much confusion. Mrs. Georgia Reynolds will also be there and act as chairman of Bureau of Information, so after you are assigned, Mrs. Reynolds will direct you if you need further directions and aid you in any way necessary. If you wish to know anything before reaching Stockton, address Mrs. Reynolds, 222 S. California Street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wolfe, 741 W. Flora st., will meet delegates at trains or have some one, so look for their badges, and have your own badge where it can be seen.

Any information regarding banners can be obtained by addressing Mrs. L. O. Macomber, 711 E. Main street; but please remember if you send banners, to send them direct to the convention church, in care of Mrs. Macomber.

Mrs. Rose Grigsby, 1215 E. Oak St., president of the Stockton union, is chairman of committee on general arrangements.

The reception to be given on Thursday evening will be in charge of Mrs. Abbie Colt. It will be an informal affair and is for the purpose of giving each one a chance to greet the officers and each other and will no doubt be a pleasant prelude to the convention proper. Will each one bring their sunniest smile and atmosphere of good cheer, and help to re-echo the "Victory Bells."

We await your coming with pleasant anticipation and hope to be able to attend to all the details that are necessarily due to the coming of three hundred, in such a way that you will all be glad that you had the opportunity to come to Stockton, and we will be glad because of the spiritual influence that you leave with us. "Keep sweet, and help the other fellow" is our motto. Pass it along.

Yours for a successful convention.

Stockton W. C. T. U.

Vote for

Amendment No. 8==No. 4 on the Ballot.

Concerning Medal Contests.

(Mrs. Rachel M. Fox.)

Many times there are requests made for the privilege of using good temperance selections in medal contests, that are not found in our contest books. The very fact that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union stands for law enforcement and that our members are law abiding (citizens?) makes it necessary for us to comply with our own rules, and use only the recitations from the W. C. T. U. or Demorest Medal contest books.

There are now three new books, No. 16, W. C. T. U. National Educator; No. 17, Frances Willard; and No. 18, Black Rock. Eighteen splendid books to select from, and each year new ones are compiled as the national superintendent receives material; so if any of you have recitations or selections that you would like to use or have used send them to your state superintendent or to Mrs. Adelia Carman 696 Winthrop ave. Chicago, our national superintendent and if they are acceptable will be put in a W. C. T. U. reciter.

I am giving this information because I made the mistake once of giving a recitation to a contestant, that was not in the W. C. T. U. books. This was permissible a few years ago, when our books were few but now the rules have changed and it is strictly forbidden.

Colored Woman's Federation.

In August this State Federation met in Sacramento. It was a noble body of women, educated, cultured, experienced, bearing upon it the impress of high christian ideals. The meetings were conducted with marked sincerity and dignity. The themes under consideration were such as inspire true womanhood. The greater home, the ideal mother, were the motives. These women are preparing themselves to cast an intelligent ballot,

In their annex was a display of most artistic needle-craft. On their tables literary productions in periodical form, poems, practical leaflets and religious literature, all the products of their own hand and brain. Truly our colored sisterhood are bearing well their part of the burden. We send to them heartiest greeting.

M. BOWEN.

Notice.

State Superintendents are requested to make their reports for the Annual Minutes as concise as possible, consistent with demands of their work, as superfluous matter adds to expense.

One of the things that women will do with the ballot will be to perfect her old, immemorial work of looking after the children.

Convention Rates.

The Southern Pacific will make rates of one and one-third lowest first class fare per capita for the round trip from all stations in California, including Nevada west of Hazen, tickets being on sale for going trip, October 2-17; certificates to be honored for return October 12-22.

Delegates to the convention may, if they desire, secure stopover privileges on going trip provided they ask agent at initial point for such ticket and pay regularly published stopover fare, taking receipt certificate for same as in the case of purchase of a limited ticket. On the return trip no stopovers will be allowed.

If delegates through any fault of their own are unable to obtain benefit of above reduced fare the Company will not consider any requests for refund.

A Membership Contest.

San Francisco Frances E. Willard union is accustomed to having their meetings all day meetings, with business in the morning, a basket luncheon, and a program in the afternoon.

The August meeting was especially interesting as it closed a membership contest that had lasted five months. Two ladies chose sides as in the old fashioned spelling matches, and the losing side was the hostess of the August meeting, and proved a royal one, providing not only provision for the body, but for the mind also. All had a delightful day, and the union has been strengthened by the work in the contest.—President of union.

Appeal to Franchise Workers.

The election on the amendment and the state convention demands reports. I am trusting to you for good reports. I know a vast amount of work has been done for suffrage, and I am sure we will have the reward for faithful workers. I hope this last appeal may reach your hearts and that I may receive a fine account of your faithfulness. Will all who have not responded to my personal calls please let me hear from them immediately, that I may report in time to the National superintendent? P. H. TRUAX,

State Superintendent.

343 California ave., Santa Cruz.

Women constitute but forty-two per cent of the population of Colorado but they cast fifty-two per cent of the entire vote of the state. The woman vote is heaviest in the so-called "best" residence districts of Denver. The women have been voting in Colorado since 1893 so that suffrage can no longer be called a "fad" in Colorado.

Japanese.

In the press of assembly and suffrage service I have felt betimes severe twinges of conscience for the sake of the new department entrusted to my care. Yet a good start is being made. Reports are coming in. Please continue. Whatever is left over for the convention should be presented there, early in writing only. We shall have something to show and some training the coming year. With many thanks for those who have sent reports.

MARY M. BOWEN.

Equal Suffrage in Wyoming.

The Wyoming correspondent of the Union Signal writes as follows: That woman suffrage aids in the passage of most excellent bills is proven in the State of Wyoming, as well as in other suffrage States. Gambling is gone, prize fights are done away with, the open Sunday saloon is nearly a thing of the past and the hip pocket law is gone. A primary election law, a corrupt practice law, a headless ballot, a pure food law, a State industrial school for juvenile offenders, a law against the red light evil, one raising the age of consent to eighteen years, and many other equally good laws have also been secured.

Women and Poll Tax.

The anti-suffragists are making a great to do over women being obliged to pay poll tax after October tenth when they will be electors in California. Section 3839 of the Political Code says: "Every MALE inhabitant of this state over 21 and under 60 years of age except paupers, insane persons and Indians not taxed must annually pay a poll tax of two dollars." The poll tax is levied upon aliens as well as citizens, has absolutely nothing to do with voting and cannot be levied upon women until the wording of the law has been changed. This contention has about as much merit and truth as the rest of the anti-suffrage arguments. It is a bogie aimed to frighten children. It is the same in regard to jury duty. Women are not liable unless the law is changed and in most of the equal suffrage states women are specially exempted from jury duty—their services in the home being considered as more than an equivalent. At the worst the same excuses which keep most men from jury duty may be used by women too, though it is possible that some intelligent but poor women might be glad to exchange a day of back breaking work at the wash tub for a day in a comfortable jury box at the usual juror's pay.

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WHITE, ON THE MAP—Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee.

State Convention—Stockton, October 12-17
National Convention—Milwaukee, Oct. 21-Nov. 1

The "Ensign" is reaching you earlier this month with the hope it may stir you to greater activity these last days of our suffrage campaign.

The outlook for victory is good, but do not let that induce you to rest, for the hardest work is always done at the very last by both sides.

The newspapers as a rule, are editorially for suffrage, and those for us are the papers that stand for the best interests and highest good of the people, for those that oppose the amendment are doing it "for a reason."

All over the state the women are busy, and men are generously helping. Suffrage buttons are well in evidence. Yellow blotters with the words "Give California Women a Square Deal," "Vote for the Woman Suffrage Amendment on October 10, 1911," are being distributed by tens of thousands.

Automobiles are in every county carrying women who are speaking both day and night, in every case carrying conviction to their audiences. All along their path are sowed leaflets, posters and booklets.

At the beginning of the campaign we felt that indifference was the greatest obstacle that would be encountered, but there has been organized effort made against the suffrage amendment. The leading speakers are Miss Emily Bronson, and Colonel John P. Irish. It seems strange that a woman of intelligence should appear on the platform against her own sex, for all the advantages we have of education, of law, and even of personal liberty have come to us through the women who endured ridicule and insult that we might have greater opportunities. The ballot will seem, twenty years from now, as common place as education seems to us now, and people will wonder that they ever opposed it.

Colonel John P. Irish, the leading speaker of the "anti's" is known to all the older generation as "the silver tongued orator," a man courtly, suave, sophistical, clothing a wrong cause with smooth, mis-leading, phrases. It was he who twenty years ago fought against the people and for the interests. It was he who calling himself a gold Democrat marched with Palmer in one campaign, and in the next under the same name, worked under McKinley. The magic of his words has not been used for justice and right, but for personal reasons. He stands and has stood against every advance made by labor, against every reform that helps humanity. Now his voice is heard against equal suffrage. He says where ever women have voted, they have lowered politics; that Colorado has a larger number of juvenile delinquents than any other state, has more drunkenness and more social evil.

It hardly seems possible that any one will give credence to his words when the state is being flooded with affidavits from the governor of Colorado, from state officials, from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs that everywhere woman's vote has been for good. There are fewer delinquents in Colorado, better child labor laws, and at the last election the temperance people felt they had won great victories, although they have not secured state prohibition, but so much of Colorado is now dry, an effort will be made in 1912 to secure state prohibition.

Tulare union has had a year's programs published in an attractive form. The meetings are held twice each month, and on the program for each meeting are "Signal Gems," and an "Ensign Quiz," in addition to papers on department subjects.

The election in Maine, which the entire country has watched with absorbing interest, went 20 votes for repeal. Some doubt remains as to the correctness of the returns, and Governor Plaisted announced that city and town clerks would be given twenty days to check the results.

Woodland, Yolo county was placed on the dry list August 1st by the vote of the people, and on September 1st Davis went dry through legislative enactment. Yolo county is now almost "white on the map." Those who prophesied death are proving false prophets, for the merchants are jubilant over their sales, real estate is booming, and the only ones who do not enjoy the new conditions are the saloonkeepers themselves, and even some of them are glad of the change.

Yolo county has fallen into line in regard to the popular street suffrage meetings. Dr. Frances L. Newton and Mrs. E. C. Laugenour, county superintendent of Franchise department, have been the moving spirits, and have planned the campaign. Successful meetings were held in Davis and Winters with Miss Jeannette Rankin of New York as the principal speaker. In Woodland the largest meeting known in the town's history was held, at which probably 3000 were present. Meetings were held in other towns of the county, and were well attended.

The booth of the W. C. T. U. at the state fair was a great success. It was very inviting with its banners, its desk, easy chairs, couch and piano. Mrs. Iowa Holston, Mrs. Reichenbach, Mrs. Jenks, Mrs. Hinman, Mrs. Bowen, and other Sacramento ladies had things in charge. Hundreds, yes thousands passed in and out and were glad of the drink of cool water, the pleasant words, and the little suffrage leaflet or pennant. Suffrage was the theme of most of the conversation, and the leaflets distributed were on that subject. The beautiful banner belonging to the California Suffrage Association had the place of honor on the outside of the booth, and "Votes for women" were everywhere in evidence.

Although the press of California has, since the opening of the suffrage campaign, shown a most kindly attitude toward the suffragists, the San Francisco Call of August 6th, by a forceful full-page editorial, started an avalanche of editorial declarations throughout the State. The Los Angeles Herald on the following Sunday devoted the same amount of space to the same theme in quite as unflinching a manner. Next came the Ventura Free Press—and innumerable other papers whose influence in their particular community is quite as great as that of the papers of neighboring cities. The Santa Barbara Independent, the Bulletin and the Star from San Francisco, the Express, the Tribune, the Examiner and the Record of Los Angeles, the Sun of San Bernardino, the Redlands Facts, the Riverside Enterprise and Press, are but a few of the papers that are lending their influence in the struggle for enfranchisement.

Canyon county, Idaho, has voted dry again, majority 2,400. Bannock county remains in the dry column, majority 700. Women vote in Idaho.

The State History.

For several years the demand has been growing for a published history of the California W. C. T. U. A historian has been appointed to prepare it, and during the year past has been acquiring the information needful as to the finances of the effort.

Much consideration has been given to the matter. It is conceded that nothing less than a "good job" will be satisfactory. The book, though necessarily condensed, must bring out a quantity of matter not easily gathered, for it must cover a period of over one-third of a century and embody the thought and deeds of many who have already passed away; it must be profusely illustrated with portraits of those who have been identified with the work; its material and workmanship must be good, and the book itself must in all respects reflect credit on the organization of which it tells.

It has been estimated that the expense of the mechanical work will amount to over $700.00, to say nothing of any compensation to the historian.

It is proposed to raise by personal donations or otherwise, a sum, at least equal to one-half the entire cost, so that the book may be sold for fifty cents, thus enabling all who want it, to have it, as it is believed that there will be a much larger sale at fifty cents than at a dollar a copy.

Alameda is one of the counties having had much importance in the early work of the state, and having a keen appreciation of the value of the work, it has by official action pledged itself to give $100.00 toward the history fund, and memorialized the state executive committee asking that other counties consider the subject and be prepared at the state convention to pledge their contributions toward that fund.

It is not expected that the unions shall meet this from their treasuries but that there will be in every community some who will be glad to contribute to the fund.

County presidents are requested to be ready to say what their respective counties may be able to do in the matter.

MRS. S. J. DORR, Pres.
A. E. CHASE, Cor. Sec'y.
D. J. SPENCER, Historian.

National Convention.

(October 27th to November 1st.)

R. R. fare to Chicago and return (ticket good for nine months) $109.00. Pullman sleeper extra.

If a sufficient number are going, a special car may be had without additional expense, for going; returning at any time, by the same route or by Los Angeles.

The liquor traffic is the greatest blot upon our civilization today.

Aftermath of the State Fair.

We have nothing to say but warm commendations for ourselves! Surely we did nobly, and every one was pleased. The rest room, under the artistic touches of Mrs. Orvis, blossomed out a thing of fleecy, snowy beauty, with just enough of the golden to lighten it. Looking up from the main floor the popular sentiment accorded to it the first prize. No wonder it drew its thousands. Inside was motherland, its gentle saint, our state treasurer, Mrs. Holston, with our vice-president, Mrs. Reichenback, to do the honors, and—with tact worthy of the cause, to do and dare for suffrage! They had the best assistance of many of our ladies, Mesdames Hinman, Hough, Boston, Jenks, your most unworthy scriberina, and a score of others. We made the yellow feathers of suffrage fly! No one dared say us nay. Ten thousand original pennants, inspired by the occasion, found their way to as many gallant buttonholes. They bore the legend: "Votes for Women" and "A Square Deal."

One of the fair commissioners came up to call upon us, and thank us personally for the attraction we were providing, and for the icewater, which was proving a boon to many. His words were very encouraging.

So the days flew by, the many small happenings we trust going into one larger factor for good.

Our honorary brother, Mr. Schaefler, has grown to be a standing patron. Through his kindness most valuable contributions of furnishings were made by Mr. Chas. Campbell, Keith Co., Jacox Brothers, and others. Eilers Co. not only furnished a fine piano, but sent their greetings to us with an offer of the same valued courtesy next year, if desired. They said: "We like to help. We would like to shake hands with the women who are doing such valiant service for a good cause."

Mention must be made of our fine banners. The State Suffrage League sent theirs. Long pennons, stretching inside and out, heralled our meaning. The College League, out in its tent, kept in constant communication. Miss Inez Hyatt, Mrs. Kate Bridewell-Anderson and many others of our lady-citizens (?) were busy. Mrs. Chauncy Dunn, with frail health, gave everywhere most unstinting of her strength to the direct cause of suffrage.

MARY M. BOWEN.

A New Playlet.

"The Girl from Colorado" or "The Conversion of Aunty Suffridge"—a playlet with a purpose, in three acts—is a cute little affair just the thing for an amateur dramatic entertainment; a California story by a California woman—equally good before and after election. Price 10 cts. Send to Miss Chase for it.

State Convention Notes.

A Grand Diamond contest will be held Friday evening in Masonic Music Hall. Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 50 cents.

Saturday afternoon will be given to recreation.

Saturday evening Mrs. Addie A. Estes, state superintendent of Institutes, will explain the Institute plan, after which four institutes will be conducted by the following leaders, Mrs. Bridelle Washburne, Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo, Mrs. Dorcas J. Spencer and Mrs. Mary A. Reichenbach. All of the state superintendents will take part.

Dr. John C. Spencer of the Medical Department of the University of California will speak Sunday afternoon on the subject "The Relation of Venereal Diseases to Prostitution."

Sunday evening many of our speakers will occupy different pulpits. Rev. James H. N. Williams, D. D., will address the convention Monday evening, and Tuesday evening will be "Jubilee Night," with speeches by county presidents, awarding of membership premiums and life memberships, county songs and rally cries.

There will be special music throughout the convention, and attention will be given to physical education.

Antioch Local is Awake.

It may be thought from the scarcity of reports from this end of the county, that Antioch is taking a nap, but such is not the case. A gospel temperance meeting was held in the M. E. Church, August 13th, which was very successful. Prof. S. P. Meade delivered a fine temperance lecture to a good audience. September 1st, Antioch entertained the county executive board, which however, was devoted strictly to business. An all day meeting at the hospitable Barr homestead, was held Tuesday, September 5th, at which business and pleasure were combined. The morning session was devoted to election of local officers for the coming year. At noon, a lunch, which was nice enough to be called a banquet, was served. Including six lively children, twenty-one persons partook of the feast. In the afternoon a social meeting was enjoyed by all. Our talented local president, Mrs. Christian, recited "Sis Mirandy's Opinion of Suffrage," in a very convincing manner.

This meeting was so successful, that another all day meeting was appointed for October before the white ribbon women adjourned to take the train at Hooper for "Home, sweet home."

L. A SCHOTT, Sec.

Notice.

A special rate of one and one third has been granted by the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company as well as by the Southern Pacific Company.

Senator Sanford's Opinions.

To Senator Sanford of Ukiah has fallen the congenial task of telling the voters of California why the franchise should not be extended to California women. Like so many other professional politicians Senator Sanford desired that women should never enter politics. He says it is because of his consideration for women. One wonders if it is because he wishes politics to remain as they are. He says "Politics are no place for a woman, consequently the privilege of the ballot should not be granted her." He ignores the fact that wherever women have been given the ballot political conditions have immediately improved until politics were entirely fit for women. "The mothers of this country, he says, "can shape the destinies of the nation by keeping in their places—the places that Senator Sanford thinks are theirs. Well, the mothers have kept pretty closely on the job ever since 1620, and as a result of their "indirect influence" we find the white slave traffic flourishing all over our land; we find milk and water in our great cities so impure that it is all a little child's life is worth even to sip them; we find the great city streets so beset with temptations and invitation to commit crime that no child is safe in them. That is the way women without a ballot shapes the "destinies of the nation."

The senator stops to throw a bouquet at the "kindly influence of the mother and the dignified influence of the teacher which will far outweigh all the influence of the mannish female politicians on earth." Of course they do. But the kindly gentle mother will have just as much influence and infinitely more power when she is able to go forth once or twice a year to punish the enemies of the home and to see that the municipality is made a decent place for her children to grow up in and the teacher will have far more influence with the boys of her class when she is a citizen in fact as well as in name. Then, and not till then, will true patriotism be taught in our schools.

The senator thinks that the courageous manly men and the womanly women are opposed to suffrage. That simply shows that the senator is sixty years behind his times. The only people opposed to equal suffrage now are a few very rich men and women who dread the introduction to the body politic of a large and conscientious body of voters who cannot be bought or fooled and some men who are in a bad business and who wish to break the laws. The only organized opposition to equal suffrage comes from these two classes.

Senator Sanford refers to the fact that he wished to have a referendum on suffrage submitted to the women of California. He says that the "suffragettes" defeated the bill. That is not true. The California legislators defeated the bill. Only one referendum in regard to woman suffrage has ever been submitted to the women of a state. That was in Massachusetts, and the women voted that they wanted the suffrage by a large majority. Did the legislature give it to them? Not at all.

There follows a long dissertation on the woman on a pedestal. Senator Sanford says men will go to any length to elevate woman. Yes, and some men will go to any length to ruin and exploit her. He entirely ignores the 600,000 women who are wage earners in the United States today. Who is protecting them? Nobody at all.

In the next paragraph Senator Sanford states that woman suffrage has proved a failure in the states where it has been tried. He cites no figures, no facts. Of course not. He could not. If women suffrage had been a failure in Wyoming why did it spread to the next state Colorado, and to the next, Utah, and to the next, Idaho, and to the next, Washington. If school suffrage for women in Kansas was such a failure why did the men of Kansas extend it to municipal suffrage? Why have they an amendment for full suffrage now pending? If school suffrage in Colorado was such a failure why did the men extend full suffrage to the women a few years later? Nonsense. If your neighbor has a clover lawn wouldn't you look at it to see what sort of lawn it was before you planted one like it.

Senator says that divorce has increased rapidly in Colorado because of suffrage. Divorce has increased rapidly in all the western states—about four times as fast as the population. In Wyoming which has had woman suffrage since 1869, it has increased only about one-half as fast as the population. There is not a single divorce in the records of any of the five suffrage states where political differences has been given as the cause of the action. Judge Lindsay says that there is not as much crime among children in Colorado as in the other states which have not equal suffrage and the white slavers have been driven entirely out of Colorado since the women had a vote.

In the last paragraph of Senator Sanford's message he has a direct communication from on high and tells what the Creator intended women to do. He again prays that the dirty pool of politics may not be cleaned up, and says that if the home is kept pure all will be well with the republic. Senator Sanford need not worry. The home is going to be kept pure, but it is not going to be the only pure spot in the world. Some of its spotlessness is going to be applied to the city home that the world may be a better place to live in for all mankind. We have had men running politics alone for a good while and the men themselves admit that they have made a fearful mess of it. Now the mothers and wives are going to try to help the good men to clean up a bit.

COLLEGE EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

Utah.

United States Senator George Sutherland of Utah and his family are visiting in Los Angeles. In an interview published in the Express of that city he says:

"Woman Suffrage is a success in Utah. We have no desire to amend the constitution and take the vote away from women. I hope suffrage will carry in California. In my opinion the burden of proof rests on those opposing suffrage for women. They have a very difficult case to establish.

"Arguments that can be advanced against permitting women to vote might be applied with equal force against the ballot in the hands of men. I believe that woman suffrage makes for a moral advance; it is difficult to elect bad men to office when women vote. Of course, there is indifference to public affairs on the part of many women, but this in no way affects the principle of equal suffrage and is a criticism quite as applicable to the men."

Australia.

Mrs A. Fisher, wife of the premier of the Australian commonwealth, who is in New York, cannot understand why anybody should expect to hear anything exciting about woman suffrage in Australia.

"Everybody votes," she said, "and that seems to be the end of it."

"But," she was asked, "aren't there any opponents, any antis?"

"Any opponents? Oh! no. How could there be? Everyone takes it for granted that the women will vote. They do vote, too, and it is by no means true that the ignorant or undesirable vote is larger than that of the better classes.

"All classes of women are interested, just as they are interested in housekeeping or education."

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MRS. MARY BOSWORTH CLARKE, Secretary.
895 University ave., San Jose.

Dear Comrades:

I have just returned from Pacific Grove at which place I spent two weeks with a happy party of Y. girls. In my previous letter you noted my plans for the Y. house party and now it is with a heart full of joy that I write you of the success of those plans.

Owing to a business engagement, our dear superintendent of the San Jose Y., Mrs. Lehr, was unable to be with us except for one day, but during her absence, Miss Mayme Anderson of Palo Alto, a former president of this Y., assisted me in the business management of the party. Miss Anderson and I arrived in Pacific Grove August first and took possession of two cosy cottages near Ocean View ave., which I had previously secured, from which site there was a most commanding view of the rocky coast, Monterey bay and the distant mountains. It was to this beautiful seaside retreat that we welcomed the beaming faces of the dear Y. girls. The party consisted of twelve girls, and as the sea air tended to increase their appetites, it behooved me to detail cooks. This was the least of my troubles, for two girls responded each day to the call of the kitchen, only to vie with the other girls in their domestic science training. As a result we were daintily and elaborately served, at a smaller expense than such service could be had elsewhere in Pacific Grove. It was while gathered around the dinner table that we talked of the great influence for good that can be accomplished by the dear young girls of the Y. W. C. T. U., not only in the various departments of our work, but in all their associations in life.

During the first week of our stay we took advantage of the ideal weather and went on delightful trips to Carmel-by-the-Sea, San Carlos Mission, Del Monte and historic, old Monterey. The second week the girls attended the meetings of the Congress of Reform, which was held in the Pacific Grove Methodist church. Each day during the congress two of the Y. girls assisted Mrs. Clare O. Southard, the most efficient chairman of the committee on courtesies. It was to this committee that the members of the congress extended many thanks for the pleasing manner in which visitors were welcomed to the meetings.

On Thursday morning, August tenth, the Y. organization was given a half hour on the program. Miss Orvilla Drew, the contralto singer of the First Presbyterian church choir of San Jose, sang a beautiful solo, "The Child at the Door," which appealed to the hearts of her listeners. This was followed with a talk by Mrs. Lehr on "Our Work for Young People." I greatly regret that more Y. workers did not have the opportunity of meeting this lovable woman who is the leader of the Y. W. C. T. U. of San Jose. Miss Mayme M. Anderson, who holds silver, gold and grand-gold medals, delivered an oration, by Rev. Anna H. Shaw, on "The Development of Citizenship." The "Half-hour with the Y." closed with a suffrage song by a chorus of the Y. girls. I was justly proud of the girls when the members of the congress showed their sincere appreciation by extending an invitation to have the oration by Miss Anderson and the suffrage song given before the evening audience.

My dear Y. workers, I cannot begin to tell you all the joys of that Y. house party, one of the greatest being, that those young girls, in attendance at the congress, were made to realize that the W. C. T. U. stands for the noblest things of womanhood, and that it is a privilege to be numbered among the members of the grandest organization of women the world has ever known. I greatly regret that more were not with us to share in these joys, but trust that, as a beginning has been made, another year may see a much larger Y. house party to share in its pleasures and privileges.

Just a word in closing as to reports I shall send out blanks and I beg of you to be prompt in returning them with all questions answered, and if the blank should be "held up" anywhere, send me your annual report just the same, and work hard for the remainder of the time to make it a good one.

Greetings From Stockton.

To the members of the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union who may attend our annual convention - greetings.

The convention will be held at the Central M. E. Church. The committees have been appointed as follows:

Committtee on general arrangements, chairman, Mrs. Grigsby.

The chairmen of all other committees are:

Finance, Mrs. Jennie Newton.

Assignment, Mrs. A. L. Branch, 633 E. Lindsay street.

Hotels and board rates, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas.

Pulpit supplies, Mrs. J. I. Mitchell.

Meeting delegates, Mrs. Lizzie Wolfe.

Press, Mrs. Clara E. Moore.

Reception, Mrs. Addie Estes.

Bureau of information, Mrs. Reynolds.

Any information regarding banners can be obtained by addressing Mrs. L. Macomber, 711 E. Main St.

Send all banners direct to Central M. E. Church, corner San Joaquin and Main ave., in care of Mrs. Macomber.

CLARA E. MOORE,
Press Sup't.

L. T. L. COLUMN

MRS. MARY F. GILLEY, State General Secretary.
1430 Sixth Ave., San Francisco

Dear Comrades:—

If you have not already sent me your report for the year beginning October 1, 1910, and ending September 30, 1911, will you do so at once. Please respond to this request even though you have held but one meeting during the whole year and that a picnic or social or one with the W. C. T. U. I did not send out blanks as in former years, because you had them in the year books which I sent to each legion.

REPORT

Name of Legion.
Name of post office.
Name of W. C. T. U.
Name and address of general secretary or leader.
Give total number of names on roll during the year. Enrolled; Pledged.
Amount of dues paid to Mrs. Holston.
Amount sent to Anna Gordon Missionary fund.
Amount to Isola Kennedy Memorial fund.
Amount to all other objects.
Number of medal contests.
Number of pages temperance literature distributed.
Number of Red Letter days observed.
Number of socials, picnics, etc.
Number of bouquets given. Other flower mission work.
Which departments do the Legion's work the best?
State amount and character of work done in these departments.

Please send these reports to me at 1430 6th ave., San Francisco. Note change of address.

Remember that every legion sending dues for fifty members—$5.00—is entitled to a delegate to state W. C. T. U. convention in Stockton, said delegate to be an L. T. L. worker and a member of the W. C. T. U.

Our Crusader list has dropped to 527. Can your legion help push it up to 700? You know our motto was "Hold and Gain." We have done neither.

September is our rally month and the 28th our Harvest Home. Which union will be the first to report a new legion formed this month? Greenfield reported one for August.

Frances Willard W. C. T. U. of San Francisco has a Y branch and a senior L. T. L. branch. These two branches each support and care for a junior L. T L. with weekly meetings, making four branches altogether. Will any other union do as well?

There will be Loyal Temperance Legion conferences at the state W. C. T. U. convention and I hope to see as many of you there as possible, and that we may gain an inspiration to do far better work next year than we have done this year just passing.

With love for you all, I am your state secretary, MARY F. GILLEY.

Notes From Executive Board.

Mrs. Dorr reported for general officers in regard to the presentation of suffrage in churches and church societies, as this was the distinctive work that we were asked to take up by the state suffrage society. Appeals were sent and responses were good. A committee, consisting of Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Whitman, and Mrs. Bowen, were appointed to prepare a leaflet to present to church assemblies and wherever necessary, as something concrete in form seemed to be needed.

The booth at the state fair, conducted by our organization, is to be used to promote suffrage and the plan is to ask all organizations that have endorsed suffrage to have their names placed on a banner in the booth, thus showing the strength of the movement. "Votes for Women" will be across the front of booth. Mrs. Ina Orvis is chairman for decoration of booth, and Mrs. Iowa M. Holston will be in charge daily and represent the state W. C. T. U. Others will assist her. As one of the needs of the work for suffrage is speakers, Mrs. Elizabeth Low Watson asked for the services of Miss Anna E. Chase for the month of September. The request was granted. Mrs. D. J. Spencer will be in charge at headquarters during the month.

An organizer will be sent into Calaveras county and the state is to assist in securing a worker for southern Monterey county. Mrs. Bridelle C. Washburn is there now, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Coleman.

A recommendation presented by Mrs. Spencer was adopted, relative to the securing of at least one representative at the state convention from each union in the state as set forth in August Ensign. The plan recommended is a constitutional amendment requiring each local and county union to provide a special fund, by personal gifts or otherwise to meet the railroad fare of the president or some one in her place, to and from state convention.

It was decided to adopt the plan of the National in consolidating the two branches, the senior L. T. L. and Y. W. C. T. U. They will be called the Y. P. B. or Young People's Branch.

A letter of approval and appreciation was ordered sent to the San Francisco Call for aggressive support to the political emancipation of women, and letters of appreciation to the press of Northern California that has endorsed suffrage.

A committee was appointed to draft a letter to the Panama Exposition committee in regard to selling liquors on the Fair grounds during the exposition.

Mrs. Maria Freeman Gray presented a resolution asking that we protest against the bill passed at the last legislature, allowing all boys fourteen years of age in public schools of California to become members of clubs or organizations to be educated in military tactics. This resolution was adopted.

The star membership plan was presented and counties were asked to work more diligently according to the plan.

A memorial service, prepared by Mrs. Bridelle Washburn was adopted and can be secured by locals from 3 City Hall ave., 1 cent apiece for 25 or more, 15 cents per hundred.

Mrs. Southard recommended that each delegate to state convention have a county badge in addition to her local badge.

The state law pertaining to selling tobacco to minors was ordered printed in leaflet form after it had appeared in Ensign. ADDIE A. ESTES.

Berkeley Prize Essay Contest.

The subject of the Prize Essay Contest was presented to the principal and teachers of the schools early in the year. A committee headed by Mr. J. O. Davis interviewed the college authorities with the result that the subject was placed on the college calendar, with details as to the subject, rules for contest, amount of prize, etc. Seven essays were presented and these were examined, credited and the prize awarded by a committee from the faculty. The prize of fifty dollars was awarded to Miss Anna Biddle, at the commencement exercises of the university. Miss Biddle received also the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The first ten dollar prize for an essay from the high school was awarded to Mr. Harry Dobbs, who also received the prize for the best essay from the county of fifteen dollars. The presentation was made at the commencement exercises of the high school.

The first five dollar prize for an essay from the grammar school was awarded to Don Harford of the McKinley school, and was presented at public exercises held near the close of the school term.

The second and third prizes, of three and two dollars, were presented to Anna Halbachec and Arnold Ramsey of the Franklin school, by Mr. Slater, of Berkeley union, in the presence of a number of classes and teachers. The union feels that the interest created by these public presentations will be of great value in the effort for the coming year. ISABELLA PATTERSON.

New Unions.

Greenfield Union, organized by Mrs. Bridelle C. H. Washburne. President, Mrs. C. M. Courtland; cor. sec'y, Mrs. Hallie Holcomb; rec. sec'y, Lila W. Podghan; treasurer, Julia F. Hawley.

Greenfield Y. P. B. President, Miss F. L. Yeomans; cor. sec'y, Mr. Caul Peasley; rec. sec. Miss Emily Nelson; treasurer, Mr. Fred Yeomans; L. T. L. secretary, Miss De Wilton Clark.

Physical Education.

It is the most important department, because with a diseased body or an inactive brain we are simply no good. It is blessed to live and enjoy the best health. The Heavenly Father intended us to be well, to have a sound mind in a strong body. Let us have it, for we can if we will.

Get to work and appoint a superintendent for this department in your counties and locals before the state convention in October, 1911, (not 1912) for we must not wait. See that a wide awake interested woman is appointed. Don't be too far behind Santa Clara county, she is one of the first to lead in the good work with an energetic woman who knows how and has written letters to all locals in her district. Sacramento county, also has a strong superintendent who is greatly interested in the work. One sister writes "I have dared to take up the department of Physical Education in Salida and Prescot unions." (Hurrah for heroic courage), we must dare and do if we accomplish anything in this beautiful world. Eldorado county has promised to appoint some one. Do report to me, that we may have a fine showing at state convention. Let us pull together this year for the best of all records; shutting one's eyes to discouragements; keeping a sharp lookout on the goal.

Let us try to secure effective legislation in our state. We must somehow show by active work in the schools the importance of physical education for boys and girls in rural districts as well as in cities. Physical education is becoming more popular each day, the daily press contains articles on the subjects and many books, magazines and leaflets deal with the importance of physical training and diet.

The department budget contains one copy of all department literature in stock and can be secured by sending 75 cents to Mrs. Francis Waite Leiter, Mansfield, Ohio.

A very instructive new book is now in print, "The Flynn System of Health, Culture, Diet and Exercise." It deals with faith and health through mental suggestions; planning the family bill of fare, dietetic experiments, the feeding of infants, serving of food, prolongation of life, fatigue, its cause and prevention, exercise and its relation to health. The book contains 440 pages and cuts illustrating the Flynn exercises. It is the system I use, and I recommend it as having done wonderful things for me. It is well worth the price, $2.50, and fifteen cents extra for postage. The type is very good, large print, and can be secured by sending to The Woodruff President, Lincoln, Nebraska. Yours for service,

REBECCA B. PAINTON
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